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GROUP ART UNIT 3676**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Christoph Hilgert  
Serial No. : 10/006,597  
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OR A DRIVEN MACHINE  
Examiner : Michael J. Kyle  
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

In response to the Final Office Action of December 29, 2004, please amend  
the above-referenced application without prejudice as follows:

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which  
begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.